

Cambridge Road Pedestrian Safety

A summary of the comments noted by Kimley-Horn and City of Alexandria staff during the Cambridge Road Pedestrian Safety project meeting with affected residents on November 19, 2008:

Q: Would the street be as narrow as Windsor?

A: The street as proposed would be 26 feet curb to curb.

Q: Who would enforce the new parking restrictions?

A: The City.

Comment: Opposed to new sidewalk because Yale is the safe way for pedestrians

Comment: There are several children who live on Cambridge and need a sidewalk

Comment: Worried about the ability to turn out of driveways safely without hitting a parked vehicle

Comment: Great option

Comment: Worried about safety with reduce street width

Q: Will the 3 hour parking restriction remain or be removed?

All current parking restrictions on the east side of the street will remain as-is.

Comment: It is imperative to install a new sidewalk

Comment: City should consider minimizing the street width reduction, see if there is a way to use 1-2 feet of the existing landscape area and only reduce the street width a few feet if possible

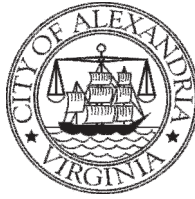
Comment: There were concerns about traffic and parking during Bishop Ireton football games

Comment: Street width will “feel” larger by removing one side of on-street parking

Comment: Fire and EMS use Yale more than Cambridge

Comment: Suggest starting sidewalk where none currently exists today (near Dartmouth) and maintaining existing sidewalk

Comment: A few residents were concerned that reducing the street width will create a safety issue for vehicles (speeding and not enough width to accommodate larger vehicles such as SUV's).



Comment: One resident said he loved option 5, and it takes into all the concerns expressed during the public meetings

Q: Where is the funding coming from?

A: The funding will come from existing funds reserved in the City's Sidewalk, Curb & Gutter CIP account.

Q: Why do you choose the west side instead of the east side?

A: The west side of the road provides safer connections with existing pedestrian facilities.

Comment: One resident commented that sidewalks are necessary and will benefit pedestrians and the neighborhood

Q: How will the parking restrictions be signed?

A: No Parking signs will be installed on existing utility poles on the west side of the street.

Comment: Giving up one side of on-street parking for a sidewalk is a good trade-off

Q: Will the City consider drainage improvements at Cambridge/Vassar? The existing grate drain clogs frequently and a resident has to rake it to keep it clear

A: Yes. City staff will investigate how to incorporate drainage improvements into the project.

Q: What is the procedure for notification prior to construction?

A: City Staff will formally notify all affected residents on the adjacent streets as soon as a construction schedule has been finalized.

Q: How long will construction last?

A: It is currently unclear, but residents will be notified beforehand.

Q: Will the construction be continuous to minimize disruption?

A: Yes. All efforts will be taken to minimize disruption to residents.

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